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guelph gay equality

newsletter

JUNE 1982

GAY CANCER NO LONGER EXCLUSIVELY OURS!

Kaposi's Sarcoma, the type of cancer which was recently labelled the "Gay Cancer" in news reports because it only seemed to affect gay men, has been discovered in woman and heterosexual men. It was originally speculated that promiscuity or drug use was implicated in the disease, but the disease has now been diagnosed in at least nine women and 23 straight men.



*"I tried homosexuality, and it
tasted a whole lot better than Coca-Cola!"*

TORONTO POLICE AT IT AGAIN!

ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, THE GLAD DAY BOOK STORE IN TORONTO WAS RAIDED AND ASSISTANT MANAGER, KEVIN ORR WAS CHARGED WITH 'POSSESSION OF OBSCENE MATERIALS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SALE'. THE 'OBSCENE MATERIAL' CONSISTED OF TWO 'SKIN' MAGAZINES WHICH ARE AVAILABLE AT APPROXIMATELY FIFTY STORES IN TORONTO ALONE, ALTHOUGH GLAD DAY WAS THE ONLY STORE WHICH WAS RAIDED. THE GLAD DAY BOOKSHOP, LOCATED AT 648A YONGE STREET, TORONTO, CARRIES A WIDE SELECTION OF GAY NOVELS, STUDIES ON HOMOSEXUALITY, GAY GREETING CARDS AND RECORDS.

ON MAY 7, POLICE RAIDED THE OFFICES OF THE BODY POLITIC FOR THE SECOND TIME SINCE 1978, AND CHARGED ALL NINE COLLECTIVE MEMBERS WITH 'PUBLISHING OBSCENE WRITTEN MATERIAL'. AT ISSUE IS AN ARTICLE FROM THE APRIL 1982 ISSUE, ENTITLED, "LUST WITH A VERY PROPER STRANGER", WHICH TBP DESCRIBES AS 'AN INFORMATIVE PIECE ON THE ETIQUETTE OF FIST FUCKING'. INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, SEVERAL STRAIGHT 'SKIN' MAGAZINES, INCLUDING PENTHOUSE, HAVE RECENTLY PUBLISHED ARTICLES ON FISTING WHICH WERE MUCH MORE EXPLICIT THAN THE TBP ARTICLE, BUT TO DATE, ONLY TBP HAS BEEN CHARGED.

TBP WON IT'S FIRST ROUND IN COURT AFTER THE 1978 RAID, BUT THE GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO APPEALED THE DECISION, AND THE RETRIAL BEGAN ON MAY 31. SOME COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS FEEL THAT THESE NEW RAIDS WERE TIMED TO CREATE AN ANTI-GAY ATMOSPHERE AROUND THE NEW TRIAL.

THE RAIDS HAVE THROWN A WRENCH INTO NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TORONTO GAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND POLICE TO IMPROVE GAY/POLICE RELATIONS. CHIEF JACK ACKROYD, WHO HAS PLEDGED TO IMPROVE POLICE/MINORITY RELATIONS, WAS OUT OF TOWN WHEN THE LATEST RAIDS TOOK PLACE.

LOVE, SIDNEY?

The American television series LOVE SIDNEY - which was hailed as 'brave' and 'pioneering' because it featured a gay lead character - has now dropped all allusions to homosexuality from the weekly series.

The comedy-drama is based on a two-hour pilot called SIDNEY SHORR, in which Tony Randall portrayed Sidney, a gay commercial artist who plays surrogate father to an aspiring actress's illegitimate daughter.

After televising the pilot, the network NBC was pressured by the Coalition for Better Television - an ultra-conservative watchdog of US television programming - and the Shorr character is now firmly asexual.

DANCE REPORT:

Coming up for all you people who like to dance to your own beat. At our next dance, on June 25, we will have a set where requests will be honoured. So bring your favourite records.

Incidentally, at our last dance, Mark did the music for us and we have received many positive comments. Our thanks go out to you Mark; a job well done!

CAMPING ANYONE?

A Gay camping weekend on the Bruce Peninsula, July 9 - 11. For more information call Jim - 822-██████ or Gary 837-██████. If interested please call before July 1.

Do it!

LESBIAN AND GAY LIBERATION IN THE 1980s

The Festival
June 26-July 5

The Conference
July 1-July 5

For more information:
Toronto Gay Community Council
730 Bathurst St, Toronto, ON M5S 2R4

COMING EVENTS:

Tue. June 8 - VIDEO MOVIE NIGHT
"Dog Day Afternoon" starring
Al Pacino
Room 536 Univ. Centre - 8 PM

Sun. June 13 - PICNIC
At Silvercreek Park. Meet
at Edinburgh Road Bridge.
Come prepared - bring food &
drink and your Hibachi.
5 PM until dark.

Tue. June 15 - GUEST SPEAKERS
The Sisters of Perpetual
Indulgence from Toronto.
(tentative - check Gayline)
Room 536 Univ. Centre - 8 PM

Tue. June 22 - DISCUSSION
Parents, Siblings and Friends
How do you tell them that you
are gay?
Room 536 Univ. Centre - 8 PM

Fri. June 25 - DANCE AT SCHOOLHOUSE
611 Silvercreek Pkwy. Guelph
9 PM. Don't forget your
favourite records.
MEMBERSHIP CARDS REQUIRED FOR
DISCOUNT!

Tue. June 29 - WOMENS' NIGHT
Some films or video of and
for women.
Room 536 Univ. Centre - 8PM

Tue. July 6 - VIDEO MOVIE NIGHT
"On Golden Pond" starring
Katherine Hepburn - Henry
Fonda - Jane Fonda
Room 536 Univ. Centre - 8PM

the gayline 836-4550
